FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. H3741

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The Honorable Joe E. Brown, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal

Affairs Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Office of Aging - State Loan Payment Program for Physicians

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed Bill would establish in the Division of Aging in the Lieutenant Governor's Office a student loan repayment program to reimburse the student loan payments of physicians completing fellowships in geriatrics or geropsychiatry.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Section 1(C)(2) of the Bill states that no more than four physicians a year may participate in the program. Using the maximum reimbursement of \$35,000 per year for each physician would result in an annual cost to the General Fund of \$140,000.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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